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[Letter 170]

I do hereby engage and agree to accept the position of Janitor of “The Corcoran Gallery of Art” in the City of Washington in the District of Columbia, to perform the duties prescribed for that office by “The Board of Trustees”, or any committee of the same, appointed or authorized to fix said duties, [a?] and for the sum of sixty six [66 ⅔ /100] dollars a month; holding my office at the pleasure of “The Board of Trustees”, hereby agreeing to provide such household help for the conduct of my domestic arrangements as may relieve my sister [illegible] Mary Darrell from attention thereto. and render her services available for assistance, required by the prescribed duties of the office of Janitor, to be furnished by me in the discharge of my office.

As witness my hand [illegible] this 12th day of January A.D. 1874.

In the presence of F.S. Barbarin

[Bery?] V. Darrell

[Back of letter 170]
Darrell [Bery?], V. January 12, 1874
Agreement and acceptance of position of Janitor to the Corcoran Gallery of Art

[Letter 171]

[Letterhead of the Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., January 13th, 1874]

Mr. F.S. Barbarin, Asst. Curator, Corcoran Gallery of Art

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I will thank you to forward to the Dept. the invoice or bill of lading, of the package, per ship “Alliance”, herein referred to, in order that the Dept. may know the contents thereof.

Very Respectfully,
H.B. James
Chief of Customs Division

[Enclosed is a second letter on Letterhead of the Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., January 13th, 1874]

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 12th instant, the Collector of Customs at Baltimore has been this day instructed to admit to free entry and forward to the port of Georgetown, D.C., without examination, a certain package containing a work of art- supposed to be a Prometheus vase - imported at the former port for the Corcoran Gallery of Art of this City, per ship “Hurnberg”, from Havre via Southampton.

The Collector of Customs at Georgetown, D.C., has also been authorized to allow the examination of said package to be made at the Gallery in question, as further requested. Hereafter,

Hereafter, in submitting requests similar to the one in question, I will thank you to give, in addition to the marks and numbers of the package for which free entry is desired and the name of the importing vessel, a description of the contents of such package, in order that the records of the Department shall show that the goods for which free entry may be ordered, are of the character provided for in the 22nd section of the Act of July 14, 1870, upon which the Department bases its action in allowing the free admission of works of art intended for the Gallery aforesaid.

I am, very respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson

F.S. Barbarin, Esq., Asst. Curator, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

[Back of letter 171]
Treasury, Secretary of. January 13, 1874
Jany 13, 1874
Has instructed Collector at Baltimore to admit a case free of duty. and the Collector at Georgetown to examine [i?]i at the Gallery. Requests that in future the marks and numbers of

package for [?h] free entry is requested be given, with the name of the vessel and description of the articles enclosed.

[Letter 172]

Georgetown D.C. Jan 14/74
Mr. A. Hude, agt for W.W. Corcoran

Sir:

I prepose to run gaspipe and put up brackets, in seven rooms at Art Building, contract complete, thirty six dollars and fifty cents. $36.50

Yours Respectfully
Alex. Tennant

[Back of letter 172]
Tennant, Alex January 14, 1874
Jany 14, 1874
Estimate for putting gas pipes and fixtures in Janitors rooms $36.50.

[Letter 173]

[Letterhead of the Executive Mansion, Washington D.C. Jany 16, 1874]

Dear Sir:

Please accept many thanks for the courtesy of an invitation at all times during exhibition hours to the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Though not an artist I take pleasure in viewing works of art and as a citizen of the United States I am proud that the Capital is to have so worthy a Gallery as Mr. Corcoran, in his liberality, has founded. With the ample endowment made by Mr. Corcoran I am sure a few years will find Washington with an Art Gallery that will compare favorably with the finest in the world.

Very truly yours,
OE Babcock
Mr. A. Hyde, Secretary [etc?]
Washington, D.C.

[Back of letter 173]
Babcock, O.E. Jany 16, 1874
Recd Jany 16, 1874

Acknowledges receipt of tickets

[Letter 174]

Mr. M. Delfosse begs to thank the Trustees of the “Corcoran Gallery of Art” for the invitations he has had the honor of receiving.

Belgian Legation
Washington Jany 16th 1874

[Back of letter 174]
Delfosse Mr. M., Belgian Legation, Jany 16, 1874
Recd Jany 17/74
Acknowledges receipt of tickets

[Letter 175]

[Letterhead of the Department of State, January 16, ‘74]

A. Hyde Esq.,
Secretary [etc.?] Washington,

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. And have to return you my sincere thanks for the card of admission which it enclosed.

I am Sir your obedient servant,
Hamilton Fish

[Back of letter 175]
Fish, Hamilton, Jany 16, 1874
Recd Jany 17/74
Acknowledges receipt of tickets

[Letter 176]

[Letterhead of the Executive Mansion, Washington]

Jan. 16, 1874

Sir:

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your polite favor of yesterday tendering him free admission to the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and to convey to you his sincere thanks.

I am, Sir, yourobt.svt.
OE Babcock
Secretary.

Mr. A. Hyde, Secty. [etc.?]

[Letter 177]

Navy Yard Washington
Jan 17, 1874

A. Hyde Esq., Secretary [etc.?]

Dear Sir,

With many thanks, and highly appreciating the honor tendered [me?], I acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 16th inst. Enclosing a complimentary ticket of admission to the "Corcoran Gallery of Art" at all times during the hour of exhibition and remain

Very truly yours,
T.H. Patterson

[additional letter enclosed]

Navy Yard Washington
Jan 17, 1874

A. Hyde Esq. Secretary [etc.?]

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from the Trustees of the "Corcoran Gallery of Art", for myself and ladies, to attend the opening of the Institution on Monday Jan. 19th; and beg leave, through you to express my sincere thanks for their polite attention.

With great respect
Your Obt. Servt.
T.H.Patterson

[Back of letter 177]

Patterson T.H. Jany 17, 1874
Recvd Jany 17/74
Acknowledges receipt of tickets

[Letter 178]

[Letterhead of Geo. B McCartee]

Washington, D.C. 17th January 1874

A. Hyde, Esq. Washington, D.C.

Sir-.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of cards of admission to the “Corcoran Gallery of Art” - and beg you will accept my sincere thanks for the same.

I am very truly [etc.?]
Geo. B. McCartee

[Back of letter 178]
McCartee G.B. Jany 17,/74
Recvd Jany 17/74
Acknowledges receipt of tickets

[Letter 179]

[Letterhead of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.]

January 17, 1874

Dear Sir,

I am duly in receipt of the cards of admission to the opening of the Corcoran Art Gallery, of which I shall avail myself with pleasure.

I write now to ask whether I can bring the ladies of my family with me on Monday, the day of the opening, if I [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully yours
Spencer T. Baird

Anthony Hyde Esq.

[Back of letter 179]
Baird, Prof S.T. Jany 17, 1874
Recvd Jany 17/84
Requests tickets for ladies. (sent)

[Letter 180]

[Letterhead of the Interior, Pension Office. Washington, D.C., Jany 17, 1874]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary ticket of admission to the Corcoran Art Gallery, and to return my thanks for the same.

Very Respectfully,
J.H. Baker
Commissioner

A. Hyde, Esq., Secretary, “Corcoran Gallery of Art”

[Back of letter 180]
Baker, J.H. Jany 17, 1874
Recvd Jany 17, 1874
Acknowledges receipt of tickets